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**The Twentieth Annual
Midwest Philosophy Colloquium
At the University of Minnesota, Morris
“The Ethics of the Media”**

**February 27, 8:00 p.m., First Lutheran Church, Morris
Peter Vallentyne (Virginia Commonwealth University)
“Freedom of Expression, Hate Speech, and Censorship”**

Professor Vallentyne will defend a view which permits regulation of speech that substantially interferes with a person's ability to function normally, and that serves no reasonable purpose in critical inquiry or artistic expression. He will apply this to cases of campus speech codes and media censorship.

**April 16, 8:00 p.m., Federated Church, Morris
Virginia Held (City University of New York)
“Culture: Independence Versus Commercial Control”**

Professor Held will argue that for a culture worthy of admiration, the alternative to governmental control (if called for) over the media should not be commercial control, control, for example, by large corporations whose interests influence what gets coverage. Her view is that “for the institutions of cultural production to be justifiable ones, they must have relative independence.”

**May 21, 8:00 p.m., Assumption Church, Morris
Judith Lichtenberg (University of Maryland)
“The Portrayal of Ethnic Groups in the Media”**

Professor Judith Lichtenberg will inquire into the problems and complexities of representing ethnic groups in the media. Her fundamental aim is to understand how to avoid stereotyping while remaining faithful to the ideals of accuracy (in the case of news), and of aesthetic and entertainment values (in the case of fiction).

Besides the evening lecture, each philosopher will offer a seminar in his or her area of specialization. Topics, locations, and other information for these seminars will be distributed approximately one week before the event.

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The evening lectures are made possible by a grant from the Minnesota Humanities Commission in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Minnesota State Legislature.

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Disability accommodations will be provided upon request. Please call Ishtiyaque Haji at 589-6291.

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February 27-28

Peter Vallentyne

Virginia Commonwealth University

Public Lecture:

“Freedom of Expression, Hate Speech, and Censorship”

February 27, 8:00 p.m., First Lutheran Church, Morris

2:30 p.m., Behmler Conference Room

UMM Campus

Seminars in Philosophy:

“Liberty, Equality, and Self-Ownership”

February 27, 2:30 p.m., Behmler Conference Room,

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Program Notes

We are tremendously pleased to have with us tonight:

PETER VALLENTYNE

Associate Professor of Philosophy
Virginia Commonwealth University

After laying out some of the legal and philosophical issues concerning the regulation of speech, our distinguished speaker will defend a view which permits regulation of speech that substantially interferes with a person's ability to function normally, and that serves no reasonable purpose in critical inquiry or artistic expression. Professor Vallentyne will apply this to cases of campus speech codes and media censorship.



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April 16, 1996

Virginia Held

City University of New York, New York

Public Lecture:

“Culture: Independence Versus Commercial Control”

April 16, 8:00 p.m., Federated Church, Morris

Seminars in Philosophy:

“Justice and Utility: Who Cares?”

**April 16, 2:30 p.m., Behmler Conference Room,
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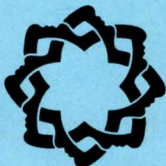
Program Notes

We are fortunate and tremendously pleased to have
with us tonight:

VIRGINIA HELD

Professor of Philosophy
City University of New York, New York

Professor Held will start with the observation that in the United States we have a culture dominated by the media (a "media culture"), and we are, or are on the verge of, having a media society. She will then discuss some of the advantages and disadvantages of a culture's being a media one. Finally, she will focus on that part of the media culture having to do with news. Specifically, two questions will take center stage: what must the news media provide so that citizens can be adequately informed and public issues adequately discussed? Can commercial news media fulfill the necessary function of the press in a democratic society?



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“The Ethics of the Media”

May 21-22, 1996

Judith Lichtenberg

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland

Public Lecture:

“The Portrayal of Ethnic Groups in the Media”

May 21, 8:00 p.m., Assumption Church, Morris

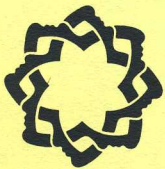
Seminars in Philosophy:

“Consuming Because Others Consume”

**May 21, 2:30 p.m., Behmler Conference Room,
UMM Campus**

Discussion of Both Presentations

**May 22, 9:00 a.m., Behmler Conference Room,
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Program Notes

We are fortunate and tremendously pleased to have
with us tonight:

JUDITH LICHTENBERG

Professor of Philosophy
University of Maryland, College Park

Professor Lichtenberg will examine some central problems and complexities of representing ethnic groups in the media. She will draw on examples both from the news and entertainment. One of her primary aims will be to understand how to avoid stereotyping, while at the same time remaining faithful to the ideals of accuracy (in the case of news), and to aesthetic and entertainment values (in the case of fiction).



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